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To the Editor of the GENERAL EVENING POST.

SIR,

CHARM'D to a high degree with the unparalleled ſcenes I have beheld in Cumberland, Weſtmoreland, and Lancaſhire, pleaſe to let your Paper convey my ideas of them from ſhore to ſhore: enchanting lakes and ſtupendous mountains; verdant plains, tremendous rocks, waving woods, ſweeping cataracts, ſolemn Temples, awful caſtles, Roman camps, theatres and amphitheatres, (excelling ought that ever human eye beheld in ancient Rome), and the thundering ſound of milk-white mountain torrents, all at once conſpire to raiſe the traveller's admiration and ſurpriſe! Here the contemplating Philoſopher will meet with his heart's deſire! The gay Touriſt with pleaſures he never experienced before! The Valetudinarian may here meet with Health! and the Unfortunate with calm Repoſe! In this quarter are found almoſt endleſs ſcenes of matchleſs beauty, majeſtic grandeur, and delight. Brown, Pennant, Hutchinſon, Gray, Young, Dalton, Cumberland, Leake, Cowper, Weſt, and many others, have all written in raptures on the various beauties of this uncommon part; and have acknowledged themſelves unable to delineate with either pen or pencil, pictures equal to half its glory! Nor is it wanting in other reſpects: there is ſcarce one neceſſary of life it does not produce! and all excellent in their different kind; the viands are exquiſite; the air ſalubrious in general, and fit for almoſt any conſtitution; as, in the courſe of one mile, we can breathe the moiſt, the middle ſtate, and the pure; the warm, the temperate, and the cold. Hence it comes to paſs, that this part is well adapted for the country reſidence of noblemen and gentlemen; and here they have begun to purchaſe, build, and ſettle. The many different heights, ſoils, and waters, afford a noble field for the ſtudy of botany, and of foſſils; the recreations of angling, hunting, fowling, &c. The lakes and rivers, for ſailing, fiſhing, ſhooting, and ſcating; and lofty Skiddow (eaſy of acceſs) affords one of the grandeſt variegated proſpects in nature! Hither great numbers of the Nobles and Gentry Tour, (increaſing yearly,) and, patriot-like, ſpend their money at home; where their actions demonſtrate they are not diſappointed in their Touring expectations. The Inns are enlarging, good roads mending, ſingular muſeums, &c. furniſhing; and many other inventions executing, in order to render this Northern Tour much more eligible than the Continent; where Mr. Weſt counts every Inn-holder an extortioner, and every Voiturin an impoſing rogue. I have in my travels ſeen a good part of three quarters of the world; but all fell far ſhort of this magnificent place; and conclude it capable of giving the nobleſt and moſt ſublime recreation, even to an Eaſtern Prince, or any other Potentate on earth.

I am, Sir, your very obedient Servant,

P. CROSTHWAITE.

Keſwick, June 24, 1782.